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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2004 and Advisory Action dated February 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on its mailing date of February 1, 2005. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of March 1, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendment to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.